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(RICHARD O'REGAN, CHIEF OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BUREAU IN GERMANY, HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED SOVIET COLD WAR STRATEGYY ALONG THE IRON CURTAIN BORDER FROM VANTAGE POINTS IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA SINCE 1945. HERE HE DISCLOSES A NEW TECHNIQUE THE RUSSIANS ARE USING -- BUT WITH THE SAME OLD AIM)
BY RICHARD O'REGAN
BONN, GERMANY, FEB. 25 (AP)-SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES IN WEST GERMANY ARE USING NEW TECHNIQUES IN SOWING DISTRUST AND FEAR BETWEEN THE BONN GOVERNMENT AND ITS NATO ALLIES.
ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT DESCRIBES THE SOVIET "SUGAR AND SWEET" CAMPAIGN AS "CHILDISHLY CRUDE." BUT IT SEEMS TO BE HAVING SOME EFFECT ON SOME GERMANS.
HERE'S HOW THE SOVIETS ARE OPERATING:
FIRST, THEY TELL AMERICANS, BRITISH, AND FRENCH THAT THE GREAT POWERS SHOULD WORK TOGETHER ON PEACEFUL PROJECTS AND NOT LET THE GERMANS STAND BETWEEN THEM. THE AIM APPARENTLY IS TO RAISE GERMAN FEARS THAT THE WEST MAY EVENTUALLY SACRIFICE GERMANY FOR THE SAKE OF LONG-TERM PEACE.
NEXT, THESE SAME RUSSIANS ARE BEING ESPECIALLY POLITE TO THE GERMANS AFTER BRANDING THEM "WAR CRIMINALS" JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO. THEY ARE ALSO LAYING OFF THEIR BITTER ATTACKS OF RECENT YEARS ON CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER. THIS APPEARS DESIGNED TO MAKE THE WEST FEEL THAT GERMAN LEADERS ARE FLIRTING WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CANNOT BE TRUSTED.
WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS IN BONN FIRST NOTICED THE NEW CAMPAIGN WHEN THEY GOT UNUSUAL INVITATIONS TO PARTIES, MOVIES AND CHESS GAMES AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND IN SOVIET OFFICIALS' HOMES.
JUST LAST NIGHT THE SOVIET MILITARY MISSION IN FRANKFURT INVITED FAR MORE THAN THE USUAL NUMBER OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS, CIVILIANS AND MILITARY MEN TO A RED ARMY DAY PARTY.
THE NEED FOR SOVIET-WESTERN COOPERATION IN THE FIRST THEME EXPOUNDED BY UNUSUALLY TALKATIVE RUSSIANS AT THESE PARTIES. THE SECOND THEME IS THAT GERMANS AND THE PROBLEM OF DIVIDED GERMANY STAND IN THE WAY OF SUCH COOPERATION.
"YOU DON'T NEED THE GERMANS WHEN WE CAN BE FRIENDS," THE SOVIETS ARGUE, SUGGESTING THAT THE OLD WARTIME ALLIANCE SHOULD BE REVIVED.
AT THE AME TIME, THE RUSSIANS ARE TRYING TO MAKE IT APPEAR TO THE WEST THAT THE GERMANS MAY MAKE PRIVATE DEALS WITH THE KREMLIN.
SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BECOME EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN TRYING TO INDUCE WEST GERMAN INDUSTRY TO TRADE WITH THE COMMUNIST EAST EUROPEAN BLOC. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS ARE THAT SOME TOP WEST GERMAN ARMY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE SOVIET UNION.
THIS ANTI-GERMAN PROPAGANDA IS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE ANXIETY IN BONN GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.
ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT, REPORTS HAVE SPREAD THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANDREI SMIRNOV HAS OFFERED ADENAUER A NEW DEAL THAT WOULD MAKE IT UNNECESSARY FOR WEST GERMANY TO PAY MILLIONS TO THE UNITED STATES IN HELPING STOP AMERICA'S GOLD OUTFLOW.
REMARKED ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT:
"THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN USES PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DESIRE TO FIND PEACEFUL FIELDS OF COOPERATION ACTUALLY TO STIR UP SUSPICION AND LACK OF CONFIDENCE AMONG THE ALLIES HERE IN GERMANY."
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MACMILLAN
BY RAYMOND E. PALMER
LONDON, FEB. 25 (AP)-PRIME MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN SAID TODAY BRITAIN STANDS WITH AMERICA "IN GOOD TIMES OR BAD" AND DECLARED HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S NEW EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE EAST-WEST DISARMAMENT. BUT MACMILLAN WARNED:
"WE MUST FACE THE DANGERS OF A LONG STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMUNIST AMBITIONS WITH STRONG NERVES AND SOBER CONFIDENCE AND AS MUCH UNITY AS WE CAN COMMAND. THE MORE FULLY WE RECOGNIZE WHAT WE ARE UP AGAINST, THE STRONGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE OUR RESPONSE IS LIKELY TO BEM"
MACMILLAN WAS ADDRESSING THE FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG CONSERVATIVES, THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF HIS RULING CONSERVATIVE PARTY.
"ALL THE SIGNALS SHOW THAT WE ARE IN FOR A PERIOD OF FIERCELY COMPETITIVE CO-EXISTENCE, WHICH THOUGH IT MAY FLUCTUATE IN INTENSITY WILL CERTAINLY NOT ALLOW US TO INDULGE IN ANY COMPLACENCY," MACMILLAN DECLARED.
COMMENTING ON HIS VISIT TO AMERICA NEXT MONTH TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MACMILLAN SAID:
"FROM THE SPEECHES HE HAS MADE SINCE HIS ELECTION, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG WESTERN ALLIANCE PURSUED BY ALL HIS PREDECESSORS WILL CONTINUE WITH VIGOR AND IMAGINATION. WE ALL WISH HIM WELL IN THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY HE HAS ASUMED.
"I SHALL BE ABLE TO ASSURE HIM THAT HE AND HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN NEED BE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT WHERE THE UNITED KINGDOM STANDS. IT STANDS WITH ITS FRIENDS IN GOOD TIMES OR BAD.
"WE MUST STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE AT EVERY POINT BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD WASTE OUR ENERGIES IN ATTEMPTING TO MATCH SOVIET POLEMICS. WE SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FIRM IN OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SOVIET BLOC, YIELDING NOTHING TO THREATS AND REFUSING TO BE TEMPTED INTO ONE-SIDED BARGAINS.
"BUT WE SHOULD TRY AT THE SAME TIME TO DAMP DOWN CONTROVERSY AND TO ENCOURAGE IN EVERY WAY WE CAN A . . . REDUCTION OF TENSIONS. THAT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD AS A WHOLE.
"IN NO FIELD IS THERE GREATER NEED FOR PERSEVERANCE THAN IN DISARMAMENT, AND HERE I AM ENCOURAGED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S FORTHRIGHT EMPHASIS ON THE CRUCIAL QUESTION OF ARMS CONTROL AND THE URGENT STEPS HE HAS SET IN TRAIN TO EXPAND THE EFFORT TO GET DISARMAMENT.
"I BELIEVE THERE ARE REAL HOPES OF A FRESH APPROACH WHEN THE GENEVA TALKS ON THE ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR TESTS ARE RESUMED (NEXT MONTH).
"SURELY DISARMAMENT MUST BE OF EQUAL INTEREST TO THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE AS TO OUR OWN. THEY, TOO, MUST GRUDGE THE LARGE EXPENDITURE OF HUMAN EFFORT AND SKILL WHICH GOES INTO THESE INFINITELY COMPLICATED WEAPONS. THEY, TOO, MUST WISH LIKE US TO DEVOTE THE VAST POTENTIALITIES OF MODERN SCIENCE TO RAISING LIVING STANDARDS AT HOME AND ABROAD.
"WE WILL CONTINUE OUR STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO CLEAR AWAY THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS, REVEAL THE REAL POINTS OF DIFFERENCE, AND TRY TO RESOLVE THEM. IN SPITE OF THE FAILURE UP TO NOW TO PERSUADE THE SOVIET TO ACCEPT OUR SINCERE PROPOSALS, WE SHALL STILL PERSEVERE. THE PRIZE IS SO GREAT."
DEFENSE MINISTER HARODL WATKINSON TOLD THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT CUT BACK ITS DEFENSIVE STRENGTH UNTIL DISARMAMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED.
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(700) NIGHT LEAD HARRIMAN-FOREIGN
BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, FEB. 25 (AP)-IN HIS FIRST DIRECT MOVE TO TIGHTEN NATO UNITY, PRESIDENT KENNEDY TODAY ASSIGNED ROVING AMBASSADOR W. AVERELL HARRIMAN TO TOUR WESTERN EUROPE AT ONCE AND CONFER WITH THE CHIEF ALLIED LEADERS.

THE ACTION COMES AT A TIME OF STEADILY INCREASING TENSIONS IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. IT ALSO COINCIDES WITH SOME IRRITATION IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THIS COUNTRY AND BRITAIN, PARTICULARLY OVER THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION'S NEW APPROACH TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

THE CONGO CRISIS AND AFRICAN PROBLEMS GENERALLY--AS WELL AS U.S.-ALLIED DIFFERENCES OVER LAOS--ARE SURE TO FIGURE EXTENSIVELY IN HARRIMAN'S TALKS. HE WILL LEAVE TOMORROW TO SEE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN, FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE, GERMAN CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER AND PREMIER AMINTORE FANFANI OF ITALY.

THE CONGO CRISIS TOOK AN OMINOUS TURN TODAY, IN THE VIEW OF U.S. OFFICIALS, WHEN IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV HAS STRONGLY COMMITTED HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST REBEL GOVERNMENT.

KHRUSHCHEV MADE THIS CLEAR IN A LETTER TO INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER NEHRU, SENT WEDNESDAY AND RELEASED TODAY IN MOSCOW.

KHRUSHCHEV TOLD NEHRU THAT THE "LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT" IS THE LUMUMBIST REGIME OF ANTOINE GIZENGA AT STANLEYVILLE. THIS PUTS THE SOVIET LEADER IN DIRECT PERSONAL OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY WHO LAST WEEK PROCLAIMED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT JOSEPH KASAVUBU AT LEOPOLDVILLE.

ADLAI STEVENSON, U. S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, SAID AFTER A CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK THAT THE RUSSIANS APPARENTLY ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE UNITED NATIONS" EFFECTIVENESS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN AN OBSTACLE TO THEIR DESIGNS IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

ASKED BY REPORTERS ABOUT KHRUSHCHEV'S LETTER TO NEHRU, STEVENSON SAID HE COULD NOT SPECULATE ON THE SOVIET PREMIER'S PURPOSE, BUT HE ADDED:

"IT IS SELF EVIDENT THAT THE U. N. HAS BEEN AN OBSTACLE TO THE SOVIET PENETRATION OF CENTRAL AFRICA--HENCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE U. N. MUST BE DESTROYED."

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KHRUSHCHEV'S LATEST MOVE WAS READ HERE AS RULING OUT ANY COMPROMISE CONGO SOLUTION ANY TIME SOON.

AS ONE AUTHORITY SUMMED IT UP AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF RECENT COMMUNIST DECLARATIONS OF INTENT TO TAKE OVER IN THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: "IT NOW SEEMS SAFE TO SAY THAT THE BATTLE FOR AFRICA IS JOINED."

UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES KENNEDY, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD, INTENDS TO PURSUE AS WELL AS HE IS ABLE HIS DECLARED PURPOSE OF TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, TO COOPERATE WHERE POSSIBLE AND TO AVOID NAME-CALLING IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

NEVERTHELESS THE HOPEFUL ATMOSPHERE WHICH DOMINATED KENNEDY'S FIRST DAYS IN OFFICE A MONTH AGO IS GIVING WAY TO A RETURN OF GRIMNESS AND FOREBODING.

THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THE HARRIMAN MISSION BUT DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL IN DISCLOSING WHAT HE WOULD TALK ABOUT OR WHAT PROMPTED THE PRESIDENT TO SEND HIM AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.

HARRIMAN HOLDS THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE. HE WAS AVAILABLE FOR A SPECIAL TRIP TO MOSCOW TO TALK WITH KHRUSHCHEV, BUT KENNEDY AND SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK THOUGHT IT BETTER TO ENTRUST THAT TASK AT THIS STAGE TO THE REGULAR ENVOY, LLEWELLYN THOMPSON.

THOMPSON IS EN ROUTE BACK TO HIS MOSCOW POST AFTER TWO WEEKS OF CONSULTATION WITH KENNEDY HERE AND IS EXPECTED TO SEE KHRUSHCHEV EARLY NEXT WEEK.

KHRUSHCHEV'S NEW CONGO BLAST, AND A RELATED ATTACK ON KENNEDY'S DECLARED POLICY OF WALKING SOFTLY BUT CARRYING A BIG STICK, STRUCK A GLOOMY NOTE IN CONNECTION WITH THOMPSON'S RETURN TO HIS POST.

SOMEWHAT THE SAME SENSE OF URGENCY SURROUNDED A MEETING BETWEEN RUSK AND U.N. AMBASSADOR ADLAI STEVENSON. THEY MET IN EARLY AFTERNOON AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, LUNCHING TOGETHER AND DISCUSSING U.S. POLICIES FOR THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING.

THE SUPPORT OF UNITED NATION PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS IN THE CONGO AGAINST SOVIET ATTACK IS ONE OF STEVENSON'S MAJOR TASKS AT PRESENT.

THE UNITED STATES, HE HAS DISCLOSED, IS TRYING TO FIND SOME WAY TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITED NATION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING U.N. FORCES IN THE CONGO TO USE FORCE TO ESTABLISH ORDER.

INCREASING TENSION OVER THE CONGO AND U.N. HANDLING OF THAT SITUATION HAS PRETTY WELL KILLED SPECULATION THAT KHRUSHCHEV MIGHT SHOW UP AT THE U.N. IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH, AND THAT HE AND KENNEDY MIGHT MEET INFORMALLY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A TRIP.

INDICATIONS WERE THAT KENNEDY DECIDED RATHER SUDDENLY TO SEND HARRIMAN ON THE EUROPEAN TRIP.

THE FORMER NEW YORK GOVERNOR AND ONETIME AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA CONFERRED WITH THE PRESIDENT THIS MORNING SHORTLY BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MISSION.

HARRIMAN LEFT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON WITH PLANS TO FLY TO LONDON TOMORROW FROM NEW YORK. HE EXPECTS TO DINE WITH MACMILLAN MONDAY EVENING. HE WILL REMAIN IN LONDON UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

FLYING TO PARIS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, HARRIMAN WILL CONFER WITH DE GAULLE AND AT SOME POINT LUNCH INFORMALLY WITH MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY COUNCIL WHO MAKE THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL.

HARRIMAN IS DUE IN BONN, CAPITAL OF WEST GERMANY, ON SUNDAY, MARCH 5, FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ADENAUER AND ON THURSDAY MARCH 9 HE WILL BEGIN THE FINAL ROUND OF TALKS IN ROME WHERE HE IS SCHEDULED TO STAY THROUGH SATURDAY, TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY.

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(300) NIGHT LEAD MCCLOY

ANDOVER, MASS., FEB. 25 (AP)-PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S TOP DISAMRAMENT ADVISER JOHN J. MCCLOY SAID TODAY "WE MUST PERSEVERE" IN THE SEARCH FOR ARMS CONTROL ACCORDS IN SPITE OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN LAOS, THE CONGO AND CUBA.

IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC ADDRESS SINCE TAKING OVER THE DISARMANENT ASSIGNMENT, MCCLOY SAID THE UNITED STATES CANNOT ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR "GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMET IN FOUR YEARS" -- APART FROM BROAD POLITICAL AGREEMENTS TO ASSURE A PEACEFUL WORLD.

MCCLOY SPOKE AT THE DEDICATION OF STIMSON HOME AT PHILLIPS ANDOVER ACADEMY. THE NAME HONORS THE MEMORY OF HENRY L. STIMSON, WHO SERVED A LONG SERIES OF PRESIDENTS IN SUCH POSTS AS SECRETARY OF STATE AND SECRETARY OF WAR.

MCCLOY PAID TRIBUTE TO PAST WORKERS IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD, DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. HE SAID:

"IN MY JUDGMENT, THE DELAYS AND FRUSTRATIONS THAT HAVE PLAGUED THE NEGOTIATIONS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN DUE MORE TO THE GREAT DIFFICULTIES OF THE PROBLEM THAN TO ANY INADEQUACIES OF PLANS OR PLANNERS."

HE SAID FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S FAREWELL SPEECH CONSTITUTED "PROFOUND EXPRESS OF CONCERN" ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE ARMED RACE.

HE ENDORSED EISENHOWER'S PROPOSITION THAT AMERICAN SOCIETY--AS MCCLOY PUT IT--"IS NOT ONLY IN PERIL BY REASONS OF A NUCLEAR DISASTER, BUT SIMPLY BY CONTINUING AS WE ARE WITH AN EVER INCREASING PORTION OF OUR THOUGHT, ENERGY, AND NATIONAL PRODUCT, BECOMING ABSORBED IN THE PRODUCTION OF ARMS AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION."

MCCLOY SAID: "WE MUST GET ON WITH THE TASK OF, AT LEAST, ATTEMPTING TO DIMINISH THIS EVER-INCREASING MENACE OF A NUCLEAR DISASTER WHEREIN. . . THE ONLY ISSUE WILL BE WHETHER THERE ARE SUFFICIENT SURVIVORS TO BURY THE DEAD.

"IF WE CANNOT TRUST, WE ARE COMPELLED TO ERECT INSPECTIONS SYSTEMS AND CONTROL PROCEDURES, WHICH, BY THEIR VERY EXTENT AND CHARACTER, MAY INTRODUCE IRRITATIONS AND INSTABILITY IN ANY AGREEMENT WE REACH. YET, WE MUST PERSEVERE, ATTEMPTING TO FIND FACTS OF COMMON INTEREST WHICH MAY LEAD THE WAY TO BROADER STEPS."

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(200) PRECEDE NEW YORK (B54)

WASHINGTON, FEB. 25 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION IS ARMING COMMUNIST CHINA AND OTHER COMMUNIST BLOC NATIONS WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF NEW AND EFFECTIVE WEAPONS SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ELVIS J. STAHR JR. HAS TOLD CONGRESS.

STAHR SAID RED CHINA IS ALSO PRODUCING A LARGE ARSENAL OF ITS OWN AND IS WORKING TO ACHIEVE AN INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR CAPABILITY.

"COMMUNIST CHINA MANPOWER EQUIPPED WITH MODERN WEAPONS WOULD CONSTITUTE A FORMIDABLE FOE INDEED," SAID STAHR.

HIS CLOSED DOOR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WAS MADE PUBLIC BY THE COMMITTEE.

STAHR SAID THE UNITED STATES MUST BE READY TO DEAL SWIFTLY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH MILITARY "ADVENTURES" DIRECTED AGAINST THE FREE WORLD IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD.

"IF WE ARE NOT," HE SAID, "THOSE ADVENTURES WILL MULTIPLY AND SPREAD."

STAHR LENT HIS VOICE TO THE GROWING CHORUS OF SUPPORT BY ARMY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS FOR THE ARMY'S NIKE-ZEUS ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

THE COMPLEX, MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR SYSTEM IS STILL UNDER DEVELOPMENT, BUT THE ARMY IS PRESSING FOR AN IMMEDIATE START ON PRODUCTION OF SOME OF ITS COMPONENTS. A RECOMMENDATION BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF THAT IT BE PERMITTED TO GO INTO LIMITED PRODUCTION IS AWAITING A DECISION BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA.

STAHR SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT NIKE-ZEUS WOULD PROVE EFFECTIVE AND WOULD BECOME AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE NATION'S OVER-ALL DEFENSE.

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MILITARY EXERCISE

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BY ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, FEB. 25 (AP)-THE BIGGEST U.S. OVERSEAS TRAINING DEPLOYMENT OF A COMBINED GROUND-AIR STRIKE FORCE IS PLANNED FOR LATE THIS SPRING.

IF FINAL APPROVAL IS OBTAINED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED, THE PRESENT PLAN FOR "EXERCISE LONG THRUST" WILL MEAN THE SENDING OF THREE BATTLE GROUPS OF THE STRATEGIC ARMY CORPS (STRAC) TO EUROPE.

A TOTAL OF ABOUT 5,000 TROOPS WOULD BE AIRLIFTED ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

ONE OF THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THIS BIG-SCALE LONG-DISTANCE OPERATION IS TO TEST U.S. ABILITY TO PROVIDE QUICK REINFORCEMENT FOR NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) DEFENSIVE FORCES.

TO PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT IN THE FAR-FLUNG EXERCISE, THE U.S. AIR FORCE WILL SEND A COMPOSITE AIR STRIKE OF BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS.

TO AIRLIFT THE STRAC GROUPS, PLUS WHATEVER OTHER ARMY UNITS ARE ATTACHED TO THEM TEMPORARILY, MORE THAN 300 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT PLANES OF THE MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE (MATS) AND THE TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (TAC) WILL BE UTILIZED.

THERE ALSO IS A POSSIBILITY THAT PART OF THE COMBINED FORCE--ONE BATTLE GROUP PLUS THE COMPOSITE AIR STRIKE FORCE--MIGHT BE SENT TO TURKEY.

APPARENTLY BECAUSE TOP GOVERNMENT SANCTION AND FOREIGN PERMISSION IS STILL BEING NEGOTIATED, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WOULD MAKE ONLY BRIEF ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ABOUT EXERCISE LONG THRUST. IT SAID:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS CONSIDERING PARTICIPATING IN A POSSIBLE NATO EXERCISE WHICH MAY BE CONDUCTED LATE THIS SPRING. THE LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE EXERCISE IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. IF THE NATO COMMAND DECIDES TO CONDUCT THE EXERCISE, ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE LATER."

THE EXERCISE HAS BEEN ON THE LIST OF THE MILITARY'S TRAINING OPERATIONS FOR MONTHS. HOWEVER, ITS TIMING COINCIDES WITH SOME PRESENT AND FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENTS.

BEFORE PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS THE FIRST, PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF A BROAD STUDY OF STRATEGY, WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND MOBILITY OF FORCES WHICH HE ORDERED THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE.

IN OUTLINING HIS REQUEST IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, THE PRESIDENT ALSO INCLUDED INSTRUCTIONS TO INCREASE IMMEDIATELY THE CAPABILITY FOR AIRLIFTING CONVENTIONAL FORCES "TO ANY PROBLEM SPOT ON THE GLOBE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE," TO COPE WITH LIMITED WAR SITUATIONS OR THREATS.

EXERCISE LONG THRUST THUS CAN PROVIDE A GRAPHIC PRESENTATION OF PRESENT AIRLIFT AND TROOP DEPLOYMENT CAPABILITY, WHILE POINTING UP ITS LIMITATIONS. IT WILL COME AT ABOUT THE TIME CONGRESS IS BEGINNING TO CONSIDER BUDGET CHANGES TO MEET REVISIONS IN STRATEGY, WEAPONS AND OTHER FEATURES RECOMMENDED BY THE PENTAGON STUDIES.

IN THE FORTHCOMING EXERCISE, THE MAJORITY OF THE TRANSPORT PLANES--ABOUT 280--WILL BE C124 AIRCRAFT. THESE HUGE AIRCRAFT CAN CARRY BIG LOADS OF TROOPS AND CARGO LONG DISTANCES, BUT THEY WERE DESIGNED MORE THAN A DECADE AGO. THEY ARE SLOW, BY MODERN STANDARDS, AND THEIR CABINS ARE NOT PRESSURIZED FOR HIGH ALTITUDE FLIGHT.

IN ADDITION TO THE C124S THE AIRLIFT WILL INCLUDE ABOUT 30 C130S. THESE ARE TURBO-PROP PLANES, WITH A SPEED OF 370 MILES AN HOUR (FAR FASTER THAN THAT OF THE PISTON-ENGINED C124S) AND PRESSURIZED IN THE COMPARTMENT IN WHICH TROOPS MUST RIDE FOR LONG DISTANCES AT HIGH ALTITUDE.

THE AIRLIFT STEPUP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED RECENTLY INCLUDES THE BUYING OF MORE C130S, TOGETHER WITH ALL-JET C135 TRANSPORTS.

THE COMPOSITE STRIKE FORCE FOR EXERCISE LONG THRUST WOULD INCLUDE FIGHTER BOMBERS, RECONNAISSANCE FIGHTERS, RECONNAISSANCE BOMBERS AND TANKER PLANES FOR REFUELING THE JETS DURING THE LONG FLIGHTS TO GERMANY AND TURKEY.

IF THE TURKISH PHASE OF THE EXERCISE LONG THRUST IS ADOPTED, IT WILL INCLUDE AN AIR DROP OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT IN TURKEY BY PLANES OPERATING OUT OF THE U.S.-USED BASE AT ADANA.

OBVIOUSLY, ONE OF THE FACTORS WHICH DIPLOMATS MIGHT CONSIDER IS THAT POWERFUL GROUND-AIR STRIKE FORCES WOULD BE OPERATING IN REGIONS ADJOINING COMMUNIST OR COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED NATIONS.

RUSSIA HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ABOUT U.S. AIR OPERATIONS IN TURKEY WHICH BORDERS ON THE BLACK SEA AND THE CAUCASUS REGIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION.

IN WESTERN GERMANY, TWO BATTLE GROUPS WOULD BE TEMPORARILY AUGMENTING FIVE U.S. ARMY DIVISIONS ALREADY STANDING ON GUARD ALONG THE FRONTIER OF COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY. AND BEYOND IS CONTROVERSIAL BERLIN.

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BY DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, FEB. 25 (AP)-AFTER 17 YEARS PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS RENEWED CONTACT WITH A ONE-TIME AUSTRALIAN COAST WATCHER WHO SENT NATIVES TO HIS RESCUE AFTER A JAPANESE DESTROYER KNIFED KENNEDY'S PT BOAT IN TWO IN THE PACIFIC DURING WORLD WAR II.

THE PRESIDENT HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE AUSTRALIAN. A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID, HOWEVER, HE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER KENNEDY HAD INVITED HIS RESCUER TO VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE.

FOR A LONG TIME, THE REAL NAME OF THE MAN WAS WRAPPED IN OFFICIAL SECRECY FOR SECURITY REASONS, ALTHOUGH KENNEDY HAD A HANDWRITTEN NOTE FROM HIM IN A FRAME ON HIS OFFICE WALL.

BUT IT TURNED OUT THAT A SIGNATURE WHICH A SECRETARY THOUGHT WAS "A. RHINAUS" ACTUALLY WAS THAT OF A. R. EVANS, NOW A RESIDENT OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

BACK IN 1943 WHEN KENNEDY AND HIS PATROL TORPEDO BOAT CREWMEN NEEDED HELP EVANS WAS A LIEUTENANT IN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

KENNEDY BECAME A DECORATED WAR HERO AS A RESULT OF HIS EXPLOITS, IN WHICH HE TOWED AN INJURED CREWMAN FOR MILES TO A SMALL ISLAND.

AFTER THE KENNEDY CREW REACHED THE ISLAND KENNEDY MADE CONTACT WITH SOME NATIVES WHO CARRIED OUT A DISTRESS MESSAGE SCRATCHED ON A PIECE OF COCONUT HUSK. WORD OF THE AMERICANS' PLIGHT REACHED EVANS, WHO SENT THE NATIVES BACK IN A CANOE TO RESCUE KENNEDY.

AUTHOR JOHN HERSEY, WRITING IN 1944 OF THE DRAMATIC EVENTS INVOLVING KENNEDY, REFERRED TO A LIEUTENANT WINCOTE AS THE MAN WHO RESCUED KENNEDY.

THAT WAS A CODE NAME PICKED AT THE TIME FOR SECURITY REASONS.

THEN, LAST DECEMBER IN SYDNEY, EVANS CAME FORWARD AND TOLD A NEWSPAPER THERE HE WAS THE MAN WHO SENT AID TO KENNEDY AND PRODUCED A LOG BOOK DESCRIBING THE EVENT.

PIERRE SALINGER, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY, SAID A COPY OF THE NEWSPAPER STORY REACHED KENNEDY'S OFFICE, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY THEN OF CHECKING THE FACTS AGAINST THE FRAMED NOTE WHICH HAD HUNG ON THE WALL OF KENNEDY'S SENATE OFFICE. THE NOTE WAS JUST UNPACKED YESTERDAY.

AND, SALINGER SAID, KENNEDY SHOWED THE NOTE TO AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER ROBERT G. MENZIES, WHO VISITED THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

THE MESSAGE SAID:

"TO SENIOR OFFICER NARU IS. FRIDAY 11 P.M. HAVE JUST LEARNT OF YOUR PRESENCE ON NARU IS. AND ALSO THAT TWO NATIVES HAVE TAKEN NEWS TO RENDOVA. I STRONGLY ADVISE YOU RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO HERE IN THIS CANOE AND BY THE TIME YOU ARRIVE HERE I WILL BE IN RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH AUTHORITIES AT RENDOVA AND WE CAN FINALISE PLANS TO COLLECT BALANCE OF YOUR PARTY."

THEN, OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE SIGNATURE, WAS WORD THAT "WILL WARN AVIATION OF YOUR CROSSING FERGUSON PASSAGE."

READING FROM THE SYDNEY NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT, SALINGER SAID THAT EVANS' LOG RELATED THAT EVANS HAD HEARD THAT PT BOAT 109 HAD "BEEN IN STRIFE" IN BLACKETT STRAIT. THE LOG RELATED THAT LATER HE RECEIVED WORD FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS THAT 11 SURVIVORS WERE ON AN ISLAND THREE OR FOUR MILES AWAY, THAT HIS FIRST JOB WAS TO GET THE COMMANDING OFFICER OUT, AND THAT HE SENT THREE OR FOUR NATIVES OVER IN A CANOE WITH A NOTE.

"THEY CAME BACK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT," THE LOG SAID. "FOR A WHILE I THOUGHT THEY HAD NO ONE WITH THEM. KENNEDY WAS KEEPING OUT OF SIGHT, LYING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CANOE, COVERED BY OLD COCONUT LEAVES."

EVANS WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT KENNEDY WAS "CERTAINLY A NICE GUY" WHOSE FIRST THOUGHT WAS OF HIS CREW.

"BUT TO ME," HE SAID, "IT WAS JUST ANOTHER INCIDENT, THIS KENNEDY. HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON I RESCUED UP THERE. THAT'S WHY I REMEMBER IT SO WELL."

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NIGHT LEAD FOSTER (140)

MOSCOW, FEB.25 (AP)-PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV MARKED WILLIAM Z.FOSTER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY TODAY BY PAYING THE FORMER HEAD OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY A VISIT.

TASS REPORTED KHRUSHCHEV WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FROL KOZLOV AND MIKHAIL SUSLOV, TWO LEADING MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THEY HANDED HIM A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE WHICH CALLED FOSTER "A LOYAL SON OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

FOSTER IS IN THE SOVIET UNION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT HE SAYS HE IS UNABLE TO AFFORD IN THE UNITED STATES. KHRUSHCHEV TOLD FOSTER HE HAD MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO "POPULARIZING MARXISM-LENINISM," TASS SAID, AND FOSTER REPLIED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS WORK AND TRY TO ADVANCE SOVIET-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

THE SOVIET PRESS AGENCY REPORTED KHRUSHCHEV ALSO CALLED ON PREMIER OTTO GROTEWOHL OF EAST GERMANY, WHO HAS BEEN IN A SOVIET SANATORIUM SINCE NOVEMBER, AND CONVEYED THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S BEST WISHES FOR HIS GOOD HEALTH.

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